

REMARKS

As an initial matter, Applicant is grateful to the Examiner for the teleconference on June 15, 2005 and for indicating allowable subject matter in that conversation.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-18, 20, 23-24 and 26-27 have been amended. Claims 5, 19, 22 and 28-29 have been cancelled without prejudice. New claim 30 has been added. Therefore, claims 1-4, 6-18, 20-21, 23-27 and 30 are now presented for examination.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claim 1-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Attwood, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,347,376 ("Attwood") in view of Nikander, et al., 6,252,321 ("Nikander").

Applicant has made the amendments to the claims as agreed upon in the teleconference with the Examiner on June 15, 2005. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 10, 17, 20 and 24 and their dependant claims.

New Claims

New claim 30 depends from independent claim 17, and contains additional feature. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 30 is patentable over the cited references.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

The Applicant respectfully petitions for an Extension of Time to respond to the Advisory Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

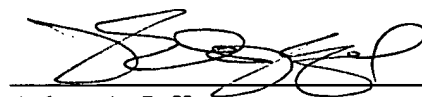
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Respectfully submitted,

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